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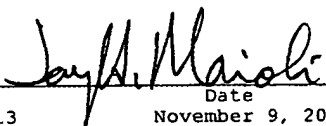
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In response to the Official Action of September 1, 2005,  
Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended  
as follows: